

Workforce Development Board Meeting

Thursday – April 4, 2024

Hybrid Meeting: Koelbel Library - Meeting Room A, 5955 S Holly St, Centennial, CO 80121

11:00 a.m. **Welcome/Call to Order**

Acting Chair

Action Item:

- February 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - Commissioner Carrie Warren-Gully moved that Andrew Bercich be the active chair for today's meeting as Peter Hancock was out-of-town. It was seconded by Kathy Smith. The motion was approved.
 - Todd Nielsen moved to approve the meeting minutes from the last meeting. Katie Irlando seconded and the motion was approved.

11:05 a.m. **Strategic Planning Session Presentation**

- Commissioner Carrie Warren-Gully- create a social media toolkit, which includes sample posts for after board meeting summary and upcoming events.
- Tracy Rushing- create an app to reach more members.
- Kim Tranter- create an annual social event (successful participants mingling with new/current participants). We can place strategic cards/contact information in childcare centers.
- Andrew Bercich- invite a social media consultant to attend a future board meeting.

11:45 a.m. **Arapahoe/Douglas WDB Outreach Taskforce Survey**

11:55 a.m. **Lunch Break** (food provided for working lunch)

12:05 p.m. **County Updates**

Arapahoe County

- Commissioner Warren-Gully- Arapahoe County is facing a significant budget shortfall starting in 2025 due to years of insufficient tax revenues, combined with a continued increase in demand for services. Residents will need to consider either reducing or eliminating many essential County services or to consider a couple of alternative funding sources to sustain these services. An interactive website, www.acbudget.com was created.

Douglas County

- Dan Makelky- we are getting Sasha Easton involved in our higher-level boards.
- Lauren Pulver- Northwest Douglas County Chamber & EDC will become the Douglas County EDC.

12:30 p.m. **Task Force Updates**

Task Force Representatives

- Marketing/Outreach/Engagement Task Force- we conducted surveys and created a board elevator pitch.
- Young Adult Engagement Task Force- we held two young adult focused job fairs, but haven't had a chance to debrief yet. We are considering that the task force should be a standing committee. We'd like to add a young adult to the committee/task force.

12:35 p.m. Director's Report

Action Items:

- Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Development Board Bylaws Update and Voting
 - Commissioner Carrie Warren-Gully moved to approve the bylaws update that added specific language noting how the Board Chair will be notified of a resignation or removal of a Board member and to remove language referencing member term limits. It was seconded by Kathy Smith. The motion passed unanimously.
- We received a grant to host an Aerospace Day on August 3, 2024, which will include a simulation at the Wings Over the Rockies. More information to come.
- We're in the process of submitting an application for an apprenticeship grant.
- We'll be meeting with CDLE next Tuesday to discuss the talent pipeline for New Americans.
- Please provide feedback on the Workforce Development Board Elevator Pitch.

12:45 p.m. Member Announcements

- Amy- Arapahoe Libraries is hosting a [New Americans Career and Education Fair](#) April 9, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Andrew Bercich- Reminder to attend the necessary meetings. Visit <http://bit.ly/LWDBReporting> to report the talent development and community events you have attended.
- Lauren Price- our Adult Education Program is hosting a free citizenship workshop this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Emily Tapia- We are seeking two more business/industry board members. We are also welcoming 4 new board members: Julian Aguilar, Marlene Talavera, Ricky Kee, Jonathan Woodward. We are working on our local and regional plan. There will be a Town Hall on April 18th, tentatively scheduled for 3:00 p.m.; more details to come.
- Todd Nielsen- the Colorado Central Planning Region's plans will be on Council's website starting on April 8th for comments.
- Dr. Julie Stewart- we broke ground on our new building. We concluded our one-year regional accreditation audit; formal results will be released later this month. We may soon release information on a 3rd campus location.
- Kim Tranter- the [Metro Denver Retail Partnership Town Hall](#) will be April 17, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.
- Sandra Wagner- we will be hosting a job fair on April 24th. 70 seniors are looking for work.
- Jennifer Jasinowski- SkillsUSA is still looking for judges for their annual conference. Those interested can sign-up on their [interest form](#).
- Jamie Fisher- there were about 30 young adults at the ACC Find Your Fit Youth Career Fair and about 80 young adults at the CCA event. CCA wants to host more events in the future.

1:00 p.m. Meeting Adjournment

Acting Chair

Next WDB Meeting: June 6, 2024 • 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Location Information Coming Soon

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